

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Nashville Severe Weather.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing Nashville Severe Weather, a volunteer endeavor that seeks to provide essential weather information to the residents of Davidson and Williamson counties; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Nashville Severe Weather has become an invaluable online and social media presence in the greater Nashville area by sharing much-needed real-time weather information with the public via Twitter, YouTube, and a comprehensive website; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Nashville Severe Weather (Twitter feed: @NashSevereWx) was founded by David Drobny, who has since been joined in his weather-watching efforts by Will Minkoff and Andrew Leeper; and

WHEREAS, NashSevereWx focuses exclusively on the weather of the Davidson/Williamson counties coverage area, and when violent weather looms, these three public servants spring into action, tweeting out facts and figures gathered by their own equipment and from local meteorologists and weather services and a growing group of storm watchers; and

WHEREAS, the recognized social media ambassador to the National Weather Service's (NWS) Nashville office, NashSevereWx uses the #tSpotter hashtag to collect reports from followers, verifies them, and then passes them along to the NWS for improved warning operations; and

WHEREAS, Nashville Severe Weather's various offerings include storm-viewing cameras, livestream video, radars, and weather blogs written by interns from the Nashville Severe Weather intern program, which was established in 2013; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Nashville Severe Weather received the Walter J. Bennett Public Service Award in 2016 from the National Weather Association; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Nashville Severe Weather have performed with the dedication and commitment to community that befit residents of the Volunteer State, and they are very worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Nashville Severe Weather and everyone associated with the organization for their service to Middle Tennessee and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.